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What is claimed is:

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1. An athletic garment comprising:
a body including a pair of thigh portions; and
a pair of guard members, one supported by each of the thigh portions and
positioned to cover the adjacent inner thighs when the garment is
worn.

2. The garment of claim 1 wherein the garment is a pair of shorts.

3. The garment of claim 1 wherein the body of the garment is formed
of elastic material.

4. The garment of claim 3 wherein the garment is a pair of shorts.

5. The garment of claim 1 wherein the guard members are shock
absorbent.

6. The garment of claim 1 wherein the guard members are deflective.

7. The garment of claim 6 wherein the guard members are shock-
absorbent.

8. The garment of claim 1 wherein the guard members are supported
within pockets formed on the inner aspect of the thigh portions of the body.

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9. The garment of claim 8 wherein the guard members are non-
removably supported in the pockets.

10. The garment of claim 1 wherein each guard member comprises a deflective layer.

11. The garment of claim 10 wherein each guard member further comprises a shock-absorbing layer.

12. The garment of claim 11 wherein the deflective layer is flexible.

13. The garment of claim 12 wherein the shock-absorbing layer is flexible.

14. The garment of claim 13 wherein the deflective layer is plastic.

15. The garment of claim 14 wherein the shock-absorbing layer is compressible.

16. The garment of claim 15 wherein the shock-absorbing layer is foam.

17. The garment of claim 16 wherein in each guard member the deflective layer is under the compressible layer.

18. The garment of claim 17 wherein each guard member is supported in a pocket on the inner aspect of each thigh portion.

19. The garment of claim 18 wherein each guard member is non-removably supported within the pocket.

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